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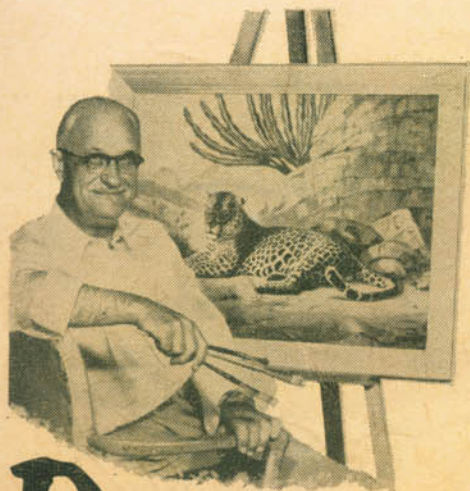
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Guided Missile Attack



THE CREW OF THE U.S.S. *CATFISH* NEVER DREAMED THAT WITHIN A MATTER OF HOURS THEY'D BE FIGHTING THE LAND BATTLE OF THEIR LIVES! WHICH ONLY GOES TO PROVE THAT, WHETHER A BATTLE IS FOUGHT ON THE LAND, ON THE SEA OR IN THE AIR, A FIGHTING MAN REMAINS A **FIGHTING MAN**, AND A BATTLE IS SOMETHING THAT'S GOT TO BE WON... **OR ELSE!**

YANKS IN BATTLE

HAVING PASSED THROUGH THE IONIAN SEA AND ROUNDED THE HEEL OF THE ITALIAN BOOT, THE U.S. SUBMARINE *CATFISH* GLIDED UP THE ADRIATIC SEA TOWARD ITS SCHEDULED REFUELING STOP AT BARI!



THE *CATFISH* WAS OFF THE ALBANIAN COAST, WELL AWAY FROM RED ALBANIAN WATERS, WHEN ITS RADAR SCREEN PICKED UP A STRANGE METALLIC OBJECT HURTLING TOWARD IT!



I-I CAN'T MAKE IT OUT, COMMANDER ELSTON! IT'S AS IF SOME KIND OF TORPEDO WERE LAUNCHED AT US!

TRY TO ZIG-ZAG! MAYBE WE'LL LOSE IT!



BUT MOMENTS LATER...

I-IT'S NO USE, COMMANDER! THE THING CHANGES COURSE THE INSTANT WE DO!

WAIT! MAYBE THIS IS SOME KIND OF RED GUIDED MISSILE! MAYBE WE'RE ITS **TARGET!** THE ALBANIAN REDS COULD'VE PICKED US UP ON **THEIR** SONAR!



WHATEVER IT IS, WE CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES! TAKE THE *CATFISH* UP... FAST!



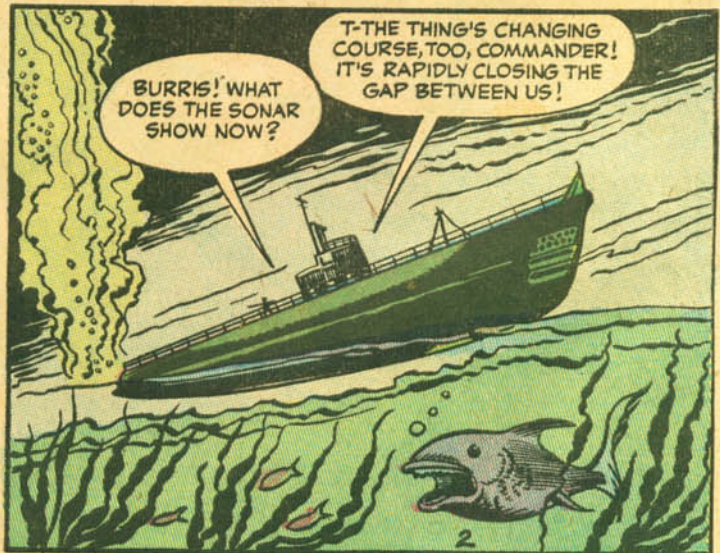
COMMANDER! SHALL I RADIO THE BASE AT BARI?

NO! WE'LL ONLY SOUND LIKE A PACK OF JITTERY FOOLS IN CASE THIS TURNS OUT TO BE NOTHING! ALL RIGHT! EVERYBODY AT HIS STATION! WE'RE GOING UP!



BURRIS! WHAT DOES THE SONAR SHOW NOW?

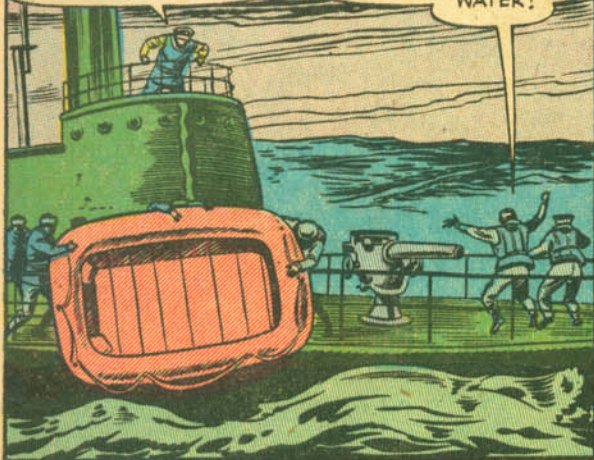
T-THE THING'S CHANGING COURSE, TOO, COMMANDER! IT'S RAPIDLY CLOSING THE GAP BETWEEN US!



MINUTES LATER, ON THE SURFACE OF THE ADRIATIC...

QUICK! GET IN THE LIFERAFT!
WE'RE ABANDONING SHIP!

H-HOLY CATS, COMMANDER!
SOMETHING IS BREAKING
WATER!



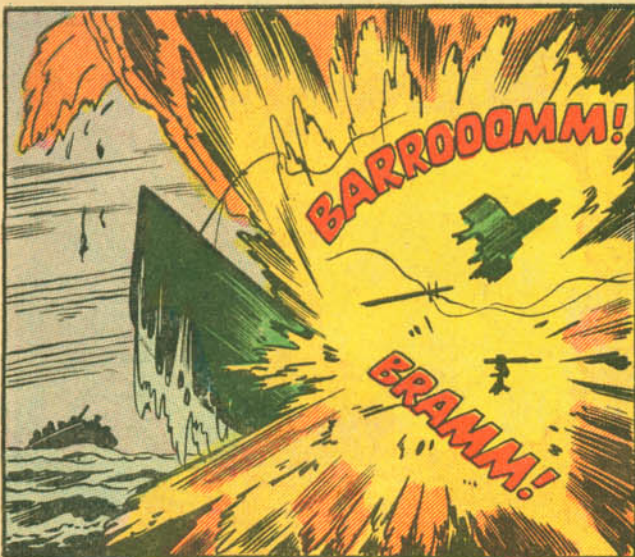
G-GET DOWN!
SHE'S GOING
TO HIT!

SWWISHHHH



BARROOOMM!

BRAMM!



G-GREAT GUNS! CAN
YOU IMAGINE WHAT
WOULD'VE HAPPENED IF
THAT HIT US BELOW?



W-WE
WOULDN'T
HAVE HAD A
CHANCE! WE'D
HAVE BEEN
BLOWN TO
SMITHEREENS!

AND THE REDS KNEW IT
BEFORE THEY LAUNCHED
THEIR MISSILE! THEY
COLD-BLOODEDLY
SELECTED US AS THE
TARGET FOR SOME NEW
MISSILE DESIGNED TO
DESTROY UNDERWATER
CRAFT!



GOOD GRIEF! THEY
AIN'T LETTIN' US
ALONE *NOW*,
EITHER! LOOK,
COMMANDER!

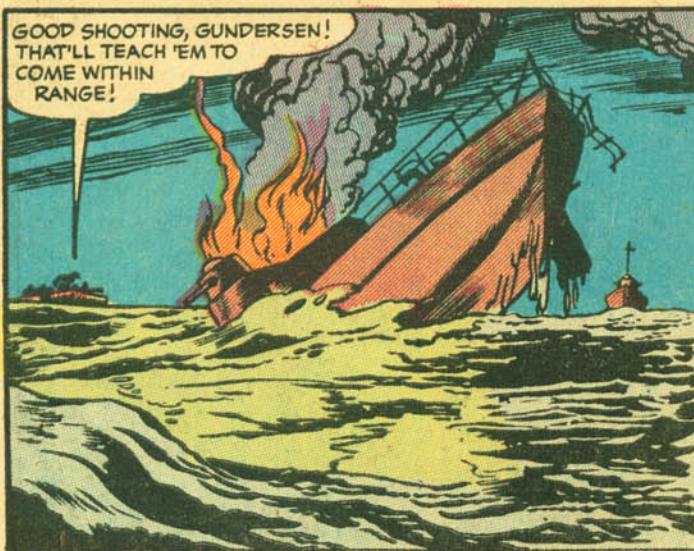
RED GUN-
BOATS!
TAKE THE
BAZOOKA OUT OF THE AMMU-
NITION BAG!



BURRIS! CONTACT THE BASE AT BARI!
TELL 'EM WHAT HAPPENED! TELL 'EM
WE'RE RUNNING INTO FURTHER
TROUBLE WITH RED GUNBOATS!

YESSIR!





YANKS IN BATTLE

THEY'RE BUSY PICKING UP SURVIVORS, SO WE MIGHT GET ENOUGH OF A HEAD START TO STAY AHEAD! ONCE WE REACH LAND, WE'LL HAVE TO FIND A RADIO AND TELL THE BASE AT BARI WHAT HAPPENED!



THAT'S GREAT, COMMANDER! ONLY ONE THING'S WRONG! AHEAD OF US IS...ALBANIA! RED ALBANIA! CHANCES ARE WE'LL HAVE AS MUCH TROUBLE WITH THE REDS ON LAND AS ON SEA!



LATER, NEAR THE COAST...

THE YANKEES HAVE MADE IT SAFELY TO LAND! RADIO OUR ZAGRA BASE! TELL THEM THE AMERICANS MUST BE FOUND AND DESTROYED... AT ALL COSTS!



AN HOUR LATER, INLAND...

S-SEE THOSE LIGHTS, COMMANDER? I TOLD YOU I HEARD SHOUTS AND WHISTLES! THEY KNOW WE'RE HERE!



YOU'RE RIGHT, DUNCAN! THEY MUST'VE SENT OUT A FLOCK OF PATROLS TO FIND US!

THEY DON'T WANT TO CAPTURE US, EITHER! THE REDS DON'T WANT THE WEST TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CATFISH! IF NO TRACE EXISTS OF US, IT WILL BE ASSUMED THAT THE CATFISH SUFFERED A MYSTERIOUS ACCIDENT!



SUDDENLY...

THERE THEY ARE! WIPE THEM OUT!

G-GET DOWN! THEY SEE US!



HERE'S OUR CHANCE TO GET SOME WEAPONS! LICK THIS PATROL AND WE'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE ON THE OTHERS!



LOOKS LIKE THEY'LL BE SORRY
THEY EVER **HEARD**
OF A GUIDED
MISSILE!



HERE'S A GUIDED MISSILE
YOU **WON'T** LIKE! A RIGHT
INTO THE LABONZA!



**MOMENTS LATER, AS THE REDS CON-
FUSEDLY SURRENDER...**

D-DON'T SHOOT,
YANKEE! WE
GIVE UP!

THEN THROW
DOWN YOUR GUNS
AND LINE UP! HANDS
ON HEADS!



SHORTLY AFTER...

YOUR CAPTURING
US WILL DO YOU NO
GOOD, AMERICAN!
WE HAVE DOZENS
OF PATROLS!
YOU CANNOT
ESCAPE!

LET US
WORRY
ABOUT THAT!
YOU ANSWER MY
QUESTIONS!
WHERE DID
THAT UNDERWATER
MISSILE COME
FROM?



FROM OUR GUIDED MISSILE BASE AT
ZAGRA! THE POST IS MANNED BY
ONLY A THOUSAND MEN! MAYBE
YOU WOULD LIKE
TO CAPTURE IT,
EH? HA! HA!

YOU WON'T
LAUGH WHEN
WE'RE DONE!



W-WE'D BETTER GET A MOVE
ON, SIR! THIS DISTRICT IS
CRAWLING WITH REDS!
PRETTY DARN SOON THE
WHOLE **ALBANIAN ARMY**
WILL ARRIVE TO
KNOCK US OUT!

RIGHT, GUNDERSEN! WE
KNOW WE CAN'T BEAT
'EM MAN TO MAN! THAT'S
WHY WE'VE GOT TO OUT-
SMART 'EM! LISTEN!



IF WE HANG AROUND, WE'RE FINISHED!
THE REDS'LL HUNT US DOWN LIKE
HOUNDS HUNT DOWN HARES! SO
WE'VE GOT TO KISS BEAUTIFUL
ALBANIA GOODBYE!

OKAY BY **US,**
COMMANDER!
THERE AIN'T NOTHIN'
KEEPIN' US HERE...
EXCEPT AN **ARMY OF
REDS!**



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RIGHT! SO HERE'S MY PLAN! GUNDERSEN, YOU'LL TAKE FOUR MEN AND DECOY EVERY DARN RED PATROL AFTER YOU AND MAKE 'EM THINK YOU'RE THE ENTIRE CREW OF THE *CATFISH*!



YOU'LL GO DOWN THE COAST ABOUT FIVE MILES AND HOLE UP THERE! THE REST OF US WILL RENDEZVOUS WITH YOU IN A BORROWED BOAT!



DO YOU MIND MY ASKING ONE QUESTION, COMMANDER? WHERE ARE YOU GONNA BORROW A GUNBOAT?

THE RED MISSILE BASE AT ZAGRA IS TWO MILES NORTH OF HERE! WE'RE GOING TO BASH OUR WAY IN AND STEAL A BOAT! NOW...**TAKE OFF!**



OKAY, COMMANDER! IF YOU'RE GOOD AT MAGIC, I'M SATISFIED!

SHORTLY AFTER, AS THE PERPLEXED RED PRISONERS, NOW NEGLECTED AND UNWATCHED, RUN OFF---

LET 'EM GO, BOYS! WE WANT 'EM TO TELL THE OTHER REDS THAT "CALLAWAY WENT THAT-A-WAY"!



TEN MINUTES LATER---

THERE THEY GO, COMMANDER! I ONLY HOPE GUNDERSEN CAN KEEP ONE STEP AHEAD OF THE REDS!



GUNDERSEN'S SMART! IF ANYBODY CAN LEAD THE REDS ON A WILD GOOSE CHASE, IT'S HE!

I WANT GUNDERSEN TO LURE EVERY RED IN THE AREA AFTER HIM! THE FEWER REDS PROTECTING THE BASE, THE EASIER IT'LL BE FOR US!



EASY? EIGHT YANKS AGAINST A WHOLE RED BASE!

YOU KNOW A BETTER WAY OUT OF THIS JAM, BURRIS?



NOSSIR! LET'S GET ON WITH IT, SIR!

LATER GUNDERSEN'S DECOY GROUP HIT TROUBLE---



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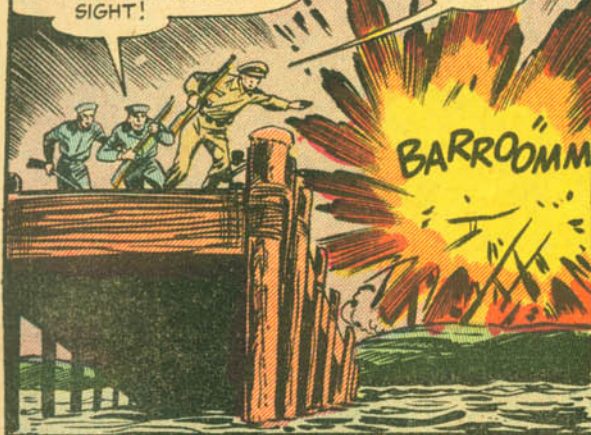


BUT MOMENTS LATER, ON THE DOCKS...

H-HOLY CATS, COMMANDER! WE BUSTED THROUGH FOR *NOTHING*! THERE ISN'T A GUNBOAT IN SIGHT!

NO! BUT I SEE SOMETHING BETTER, BURRIS! COME ON!

BARROOM!



LATER THAT NIGHT, SEVEN MILES DOWN THE COAST FROM ZAGRA ---

I GUESS THE COMMANDER DIDN'T MAKE IT, GUNDERSEN! THERE AIN'T A SIGN OF A SHIP!

THEN WE'RE *DONE FOR*, GIANOLI! THE REDS GOT US *TREED* UP HERE! THEY'RE MOVING IN FROM ALL SIDES! WE CAN'T HOLD 'EM OFF ANY MORE!



WHAT'RE YOU TALKIN' ABOUT? WE GOTTA HOLD 'EM OFF! THAT'S OUR PROMISE TO ELSTON AN' WE'RE GONNA KEEP IT!

BUT WHAT ABOUT COMMANDER ELSTON'S PROMISE? WHERE IS *HE*?



SUDDENLY...

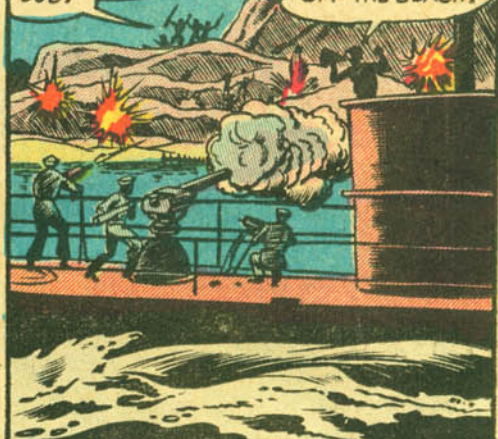
SOMEONE'S FIRIN' AT THE REDS!

JUMPIN' JUPITER, GUNDERSEN, LOOK!



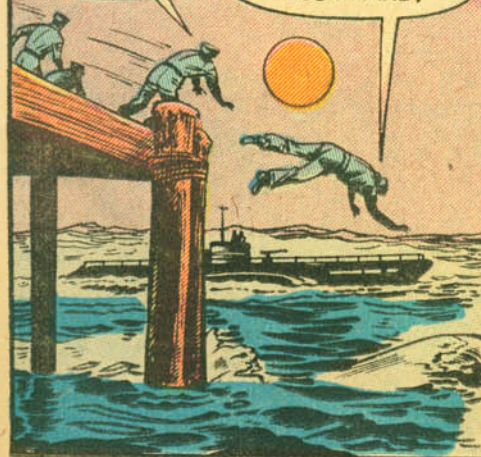
IT'S A RED SUB WITH OUR GUYS ABOARD! THE COMMANDER HIJACKED A RED SUB!

COME ON, YOU GUYS! WHAT'RE YOU *WAITING* FOR? HIT THE WATER! WE'LL KEEP THE REDS OFF THE BEACH!



THE COMMANDER'S MOVIN' IN TO PICK US UP! LET'S GO!

HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT? WE'RE LEAVIN' COMMIE LAND IN *STYLE*! IN A SUBMARINE!



SHORTLY AFTER, AS THE CAPTURED RED SUB LEAVES THE ALBANIAN COASTLINE BEHIND---

WE DID IT! WE TOOK EVERYTHING THOSE CRUMBS THREW AT US AND WON!

WHICH ONLY GOES TO PROVE THAT A U.S. FIGHTING MAN IS AMPHIBIOUS! HE'S GOOD *WHEREVER* THERE'S AN ENEMY TO LICK! WE'RE GOING DOWN, MEN! AND *THIS* TIME, WE'RE COMING UP IN THE FREE WORLD, WITH ONE HECK OF A STORY ABOUT THE SLAVE WORLD TO TELL!



YANKS IN BATTLE

LAST DITCH STAND

T-THE PHONE'S DEAD!
I CAN'T REACH THE BASE!
WE'RE TRAPPED!

NO, BILL! NOT
TRAPPED!
FINISHED!

WHAT PRICE
FRIENDSHIP?
CHEAP PRICE?
HEAVY PRICE? OR
PRICELESS? IN THE
DRUMFIRES OF BATTLE, IN
THE SEARING DESPERATION
OF A LAST DITCH STAND, WITH
A HORDE OF VICIOUS REDS
SEEKING TO DESTROY HIM,
DAN GORDON LEARNED THE
TRUE MEANING... **AND**
PRICE... OF FRIENDSHIP!

NO THREE MEN IN SOUTH KOREA WERE BETTER
FRIENDS THAN DAN GORDON, BILL RECKA AND JERRY
SEARS!

NOTHIN' CAN
BREAK US UP! NOT EVEN
A RED BLOCKBUSTER!

RIGHT! FRIENDS FROM
THE BEGINNING, WE'LL
BE FRIENDS TO THE
END!

NOBODY IN THE U.S. OCCUPATION FORCES STUCK CLOSER
TOGETHER THAN DAN, BILL AND JERRY!

YOU **KNOW** SOMETHING, DAN?
WHEN OUR HITCH IN THE SERVICE
IS OVER, WE'LL GO RIGHT ON
BEING BUDDIES!

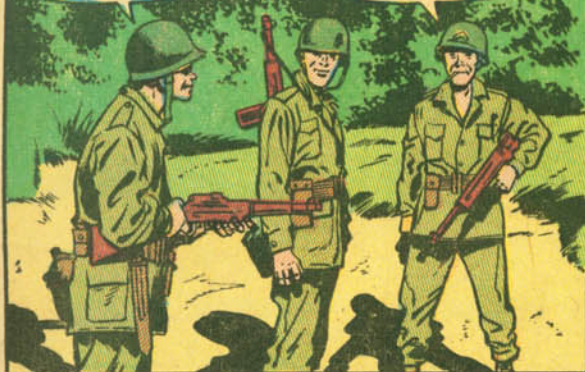
BILL'S RIGHT, DAN!
FRIENDSHIP LIKE OURS
CAN NEVER DIE, IN
WAR **OR** PEACE!

YANKS IN BATTLE

FANATICALLY LOYAL TO ONE ANOTHER, THEY SHARED EVERY COMFORT AND *DISCOMFORT* TOGETHER...

YOU GUYS ARE CRAZY! THIS WAS MY PATROL! YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO COME OUT AND GET SOAKED, TOO!

AND LET YOU WALK THE BEAT ALONE? DON'T BE CRAZY! WHEREVER *ONE* OF US GOES, THE OTHERS GO, TOO!



WE ARE BUDDIES, AREN'T WE? REAL, HONEST-TO-GOODNESS, ALL-FOR-ONE AND ONE-FOR-ALL FRIENDS?

YOU BET YOUR SWEET LIFE, DAN! *NOTHING* CAN BREAK US UP! THE YEARS'LL PROVE IT!



ONE NIGHT, IN A FORWARD POSITION JUST SOUTH OF THE ARMISTICE LINE...

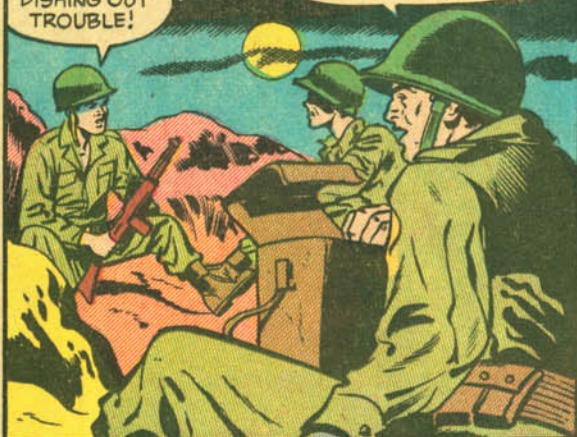
IT'S PRETTY QUIET TONIGHT! THE REDS AREN'T LOBBING SHELLS INTO OUR TERRITORY!

MAYBE THEY'RE GETTING TIRED OF THEIR CONSTANT PROVOCATIONS AND RAIDS!



NOT THE REDS! THESE NORTH KOREAN HYENAS *NEVER* GET TIRED OF DISHING OUT TROUBLE!

THAT'S WHAT'S BOTHERIN' ME, DAN! I JUST TUNED IN ON OUR LISTENIN' POSTS! THEY SOUND DEAD TO ME!



SURE THEY'LL SOUND DEAD IF THERE'S NO NOISE TO PICK UP!

I DON'T KNOW, BILL! I'M WORRIED! WHAT IF THE WIRE'S BEEN CUT?

TRYING TO SCARE YOURSELF, JERRY?

I'M *ALWAYS* SCARED ABOUT THE REDS, DAN! I PUT NOTHIN' PAST 'EM!

OKAY! I'LL RELIEVE YOUR ANXIETY! I'LL GO OUT AND INSPECT THE LISTENING APPARATUS! IF I DON'T COME BACK, THE RED BOGEYMAN GOT ME!

DON'T KID ABOUT SUCH STUFF, DAN! I'M SERIOUS!

I'LL GO WITH YOU, DAN! JUST IN CASE!

IN *CASE*, NOTHING! YOU STAY PUT, BILL! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!



THOSE GUYS! ALWAYS WORRIED ABOUT ME! I DON'T THINK A GUY EVER HAD BETTER FRIENDS!



THEY LOOK AFTER ME LIKE I WAS SOMETHING SPECIAL! IT GIVES YOU A GOOD FEELING! HMM...I MUST BE NEAR THE BORDER NOW! THE FIRST LISTENING POST MUST BE RIGHT AHEAD!



MOMENTS LATER...

H-HOLY SMOKES! JERRY WAS RIGHT! THE WIRE'S BEEN CUT!



SUDDENLY...

A F-FLARE! REDS!



T-THEY'VE CROSSED THE BORDER!



BILL AND JERRY CAN HEAR THIS SHOOTING! G-GREAT GUNS! T-THEY'LL COME OUT HERE TO HELP ME!



T-THEY MUSTN'T! THEY'LL CATCH IT!



BUT AS DAN TURNED TO RUN AND WARN HIS BUDDIES---

OWWWW!



I-I'M HIT!



A MOMENT LATER, TWO FAMILIAR FIGURES LOOMED OUT OF THE DARKNESS---

DAN'S HURT!

HELP HIM, BILL! TAKE HIM BACK TO THE FOXHOLE! I'LL COVER YOU!

N-NO, YOU IDIOTS! GO BACK! FORGET ME!



I'D AS SOON FORGET MY MOTHER! LEAN ON ME!

N-NO! IT'S NO GOOD! I'M HURT BAD!

SHUT UP AN' KEEP GOIN'!



MINUTES LATER, AT THE FOXHOLE---

OH! EVERYTHING'S G-GOING AROU---

HELP ME, JERRY! HE'S FAINTING!

BE RIGHT WITH YOU! I WANT TO KEEP THESE BUZZARDS AT A DISTANCE!



DAN'S OUT COLD! BILL--- HE NEEDS A MEDIC!

W-WAIT! LISTEN! THE REDS'RE TALKIN' TO US THROUGH A P.A. SYSTEM!

YANKS! HEAR YOUR DOOM!



EVEN IN THIS MINUTE YOU ARE BEING SURROUNDED! YOU HAVEN'T A CHANCE! LISTEN CAREFULLY---



MINUTES LATER, IN THE FOXHOLE...

G-GOOD GRIEF!
I-I WENT OUT
LIKE A LIGHT!
HOW LONG
WAS I OUT?

A COUPLE OF MINUTES! WE BAN-
DAGED YOUR WOUND... BUT WE
AIN'T **DOCTORS**, DAN! YOU NEED
A **MEDIC**! BUT OUR LINES OF
COMMUNICATION ARE KNOCKED
OUT! YOU'LL HAVE TO DRAG YOUR-
SELF OUT OF HERE TO FIND HELP!



BUT I'M
WOUNDED!
I-I'LL NEVER
MAKE IT!

WELL, **WE** AIN'T GOIN'! **WE** AIN'T HIT! WHY
SHOULD BILL OR ME STICK HIS NECK OUT?
BILL'S GOT A WIFE AN' TWO KIDS! I GOT A
NICE, LONG LIFE AHEAD OF ME!
WHY SHOULD I **LOSE** IT?



JERRY'S RIGHT! IT'S
YOUR AFFAIR, DAN!
WE'RE SAFE IN THIS
FOXHOLE! IF YOU'RE
WOUNDED, YOU GET
HELP!

SO, YOU'RE MY **FRIENDS**, EH?
MY BUDDIES! MY PALS FOR
LIFE! ONE-FOR-ALL AND ALL-
FOR-ONE! WHAT BLARNEY!
WHAT HOKUM!



YOU WERE MY FRIENDS
AS LONG AS IT DIDN'T
COST YOU ANYTHING!
WHEN IT COUNTED, YOU
WEASLED OUT! THIS
GREAT FRIENDSHIP
COULDN'T EVEN PASS
ITS FIRST TEST!

THINK WHAT YOU PLEASE,
DAN! BILL AN' ME AIN'T
LEAVIN' THE SHELTER OF
THIS FOXHOLE! NOW SCRAM
BEFORE YOUR CONDITION
WORSENS!



IF YOU FIND SOME TELE-
PHONE WIRE BACK THERE,
CUT IT! THE GUYS AT
THE BASE WILL FIND
YOU WHEN THEY COME
OUT TO LOCATE THE
BREAK IN THE LINE!

THANKS
FOR
YOUR
SUGGESTION!
I'LL MANAGE
BY MY-
SELF!

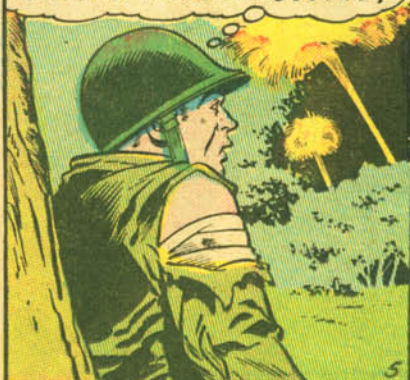


I SURE LEARNED MY
LESSON! FALLING FOR
THIS FRIENDSHIP BUNK!



MOMENTS LATER, AS FLARES LIT UP
THE TERRAIN BEHIND HIM...

H-HOLY CATS! THE REDS ARE ATTACK-
ING FROM ALL SIDES! THE BOYS'LL
BE WIPED OUT! BUT WHY SHOULD I
CARE? DID THEY CARE ABOUT ME?



YANKS IN BATTLE

FOR LONG MOMENTS, DAN FOUGHT THE FEELINGS OF PITY WITHIN HIM, HIS INSTINCT TO GO BACK AND HELP HIS BUDDIES!

I-I CAN'T DO IT! I CAN'T RUN OFF AND LEAVE 'EM IN THE LURCH! I'VE GOT TO HELP 'EM, NO MATTER **HOW** THEY TREATED ME!



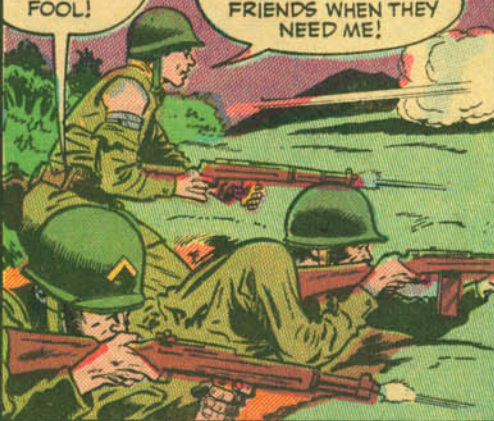
THEY'RE STILL **MY** SIDE...AND THE REDS ARE OUR ENEMIES!



WITH DAN'S FIRE POWER ADDED TO THEIR OWN, BILL AND JERRY STOPPED THE RED ATTACK...

Y-YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE COME BACK, YOU FOOL!

YOU'RE TELLING ME! BUT I'M NOT BUILT LIKE **YOU**! I DON'T DESERT MY FRIENDS WHEN THEY NEED ME!



SHORTLY AFTER, AS THE REDS RAN LIKE RABBITS...

D-DON'T SHOOT! I SURRENDER!

YOU'RE TALKING A DIFFERENT LINE NOW, COMMIE! LAST TIME YOU WERE BROADCASTING ULTIMATUMS TO **US**! GET IN THAT FOXHOLE!



YOU YANKEES ARE AMAZING FOOLS! ANYBODY **ELSE** WOULD'VE HEEDED MY WARNING TO SURRENDER! AND NOT IN THE **FIVE** MINUTES I GAVE YOU TO THINK IT OVER... BUT IN **FIVE SECONDS**!

WHAT ULTIMATUM? I DIDN'T HEAR ANY ULTIMATUM!



W-WAIT! SOMETHING JUST **HIT** ME! I **MISSED** SOMETHING WHEN I BLACKED OUT FROM MY WOUND! I **MISSED** THE RED WARNING TO YOU TO SURRENDER! ISN'T THAT **RIGHT**?

WELL, DAN, WE FELT WE COULD HOLD THE BUZZARDS OFF WHILE YOU ESCAPED! THAT'S WHY WE PRETENDED **NOT** TO CARE ABOUT YOUR WOUND! WE WANTED TO COVER YOUR RETREAT! IF WE ALL SCRAMMED, WE WOULD HAVE BEEN SEEN AND OVERWHELMED!



DAN GAPED! HIS BUDDIES HAD SACRIFICED THEMSELVES SO **HE** COULD ESCAPE! THEY HAD LET HIM THINK THE WORST OF THEM TO SAVE **HIM**! GRINS BROKE OUT ON ALL THEIR FACES!

TAKE A LESSON FROM THIS, COMMIE! THIS IS WHY YOU'LL NEVER BEAT US! WE AMERICANS STICK TOGETHER!

WHY **SHOULDN'T** WE, DAN? LIKE WE ALWAYS TOLD YOU... FROM THE BEGINNIN' TO THE END, WE'RE FRIENDS!



ATTACK ON DOOM MOUNTAIN

THIS IS
SUICIDE...
SHEER
SUICIDE,
SKEETS!

IF WE DON'T KEEP
THESE CHARACTERS
BUSY THEY'LL SPOT OUR
OUTFIT AND BLAST 'EM
TO PIECES, FRANKIE!
WHAT'S TWO LIVES...
AGAINST THOUSANDS?

THE STUBBORN REDS
HAD BUILT AN ENTIRE
ARSENAL ATOP THE KOREAN
MOUNTAIN AND NO FORCE
ON EARTH COULD REMOVE
THEM! THAT IS, UNTIL TWO
VALIANT G.I.S VOLUNTEERED
TO RISK THEIR LIVES TO
CONQUER A NATURAL
BARRIER AND CATCH THE
ENEMY OFF GUARD! BUT
COULD TWO AMERICAN
SOLDIERS POSSIBLY HOLD
OFF THREE HUNDRED
ENEMY TROOPS UNTIL
HELP ARRIVED?

ON THE SLOPE OF A TREMENDOUS MOUNTAIN BEHIND
THE U.N. LINES COMBAT INFANTRYMEN INCH THEIR
WAY UP A NARROW PATH! THEN...

WE'RE ZEROED IN!
HIT IT!

POW! POW! POW!
RATA-RATA-RATA

GOSH, SARGE!
THEY GOT
ENOUGH FIRE
POWER UP
THERE TO
WIPE AN
ARMY OUT!

YEAH... NO SENSE KIDDIN' OURSELVES!
THIS MOUNTAIN PATH IS DEATH ALLEY!
LOOKS LIKE THIS DETAIL'S GONNA END
UP LIKE THE OTHERS... PASS THE
WORD, EDWARDS!



WE'RE PULLIN' OUT, PASS IT!

PULLIN' STAKES! PASS IT!

WITHDRAWIN'! PASS IT!

THERE IS A MOMENT OF OMINOUS, TENSE SILENCE! THEN THE SERGEANT BARKS A COMMAND AND THE STILLNESS IS SHATTERED BY A THUNDEROUS BARRAGE!

SQUEEZE THOSE TRIGGERS TILL YOUR FINGERS DROP OFF! IF WE THROW ENOUGH LEAD UP THERE THEY'LL PULL IN THEIR NOGGINS!

YEAH... THEY CAN'T SHOOT WHAT THEY CAN'T SEE!

BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM!
POW! POW! POW!



THROUGH-OUT THE WITHDRAWAL DOWN THE MOUNTAIN NOT A WORD IS UTTERED! FOR THERE IS NOTHING TO SAY... "DEFEAT" IS AN UNSPOKEN WORD IN THE U.S. INFANTRY!



BUT THIS IS A TIME OF PEACE IN BLOODY KOREA! WHAT CAN SUCH A COMBAT ACTION MEAN?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO FILE A REPORT SERGEANT! WE HEARD IT... ALL THE WAY DOWN HERE!

SORRY, SIR! THEY COVERED US WITH A BLANKET OF LEAD HALF WAY TO THE TOP! I DON'T THINK A COCKROACH COULDA MADE IT FURTHER THEN WE DID!



IT'S THAT STINKIN' PATH, COLONEL! THE REDS GOT IT IN THEIR SIGHTS ALL THE WAY TO THE PEAK! BLAST IT... WHY DON'T THEY GIVE UP? THE WAR'S OVER!

I'M AFRAID THERE IS LITTLE CHANCE OF THAT, SERGEANT! EVERY RED ON THAT PEAK IS WANTED FOR AN ATROCITY AGAINST OUR ARMY! THEY TORTURED, BUTCHERED AND SLAUGHTERED OUR P.O.W.S...

...IF WE DID GET OUR HANDS ON THEM THEY'D BE EXECUTED! NO... I'M AFRAID THEY'LL FIGHT TO THE DEATH!

PLEASE, SIR... WON'T YOU RECONSIDER AND LET FRANKIE AND ME VOLUNTEER? WE CAN REACH THE SUMMIT... WE WERE PRO MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS STATESIDE!

CONFOUND IT! ARE YOU TWO GOING TO START HARPING ON THAT AGAIN? IF A SQUAD CAN'T GET THROUGH HOW DO YOU EXPECT TO?

BUT THEY USED THE PATH, COLONEL! NOW SKEETS AND I... WITH OUR CLIMBING EXPERIENCE... COULD ASCEND THE SOUTHERN SLOPE... RIGHT UP OVER THOSE ROCKS AND CREVICES!



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THAT'S RIGHT, SIR! THE REDS WOULD NEVER BE LOOKIN' FOR TROUBLE THERE! WE COULD HOLE UP AND WAIT TILL YOU MAKE ANOTHER ASSAULT! THEN WHEN THEY COME OUT TO OPEN FIRE WE'D MOW 'EM DOWN!

HM-M-M....I COULD STATION A UNIT MID-WAY UP THE PATH AND ATTACK AT A DESIGNATED TIME! BUT.... COULD TWO MEN KEEP THEM BUSY UNTIL WE REACHED THE TOP!



SURE THING, SIR! SKEETS AND I'LL BRING ALONG PLENTY OF GRENADES AND ALL THE AMMO WE CAN CARRY!

THAT'S RIGHT! WE'LL CLOBBER 'EM GOOD, COLONEL!

I SUPPOSE IT'S WORTH A TRY! EVERYTHING ELSE HAS FAILED! VERY WELL, GET YOUR GEAR READY!



NEXT MORNING---

REMEMBER, MEN....WE'LL LAUNCH OUR ATTACK AT EXACTLY 0800 TOMORROW MORNING! OUR SUCCESS WILL DEPEND UPON YOU! GOOD LUCK!

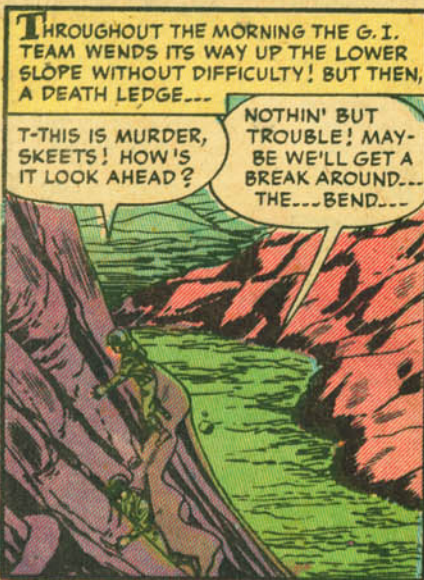
THANKS, SIR! WE WON'T LET YOU DOWN, HUH, FRANKIE?

NEVER FEAR!



AW RIGHT, FRANKIE--- WE'RE OUTA SIGHT NOW! WIPE THAT SMIRK OF CONFIDENCE OFF YOUR PUSS AND LET'S FACE THE GRIM FACTS! THIS IS GONNA BE RUGGED!

YEAH--- CLIMBIN' THIS SOUTHERN SLOPE IS NEAR IMPOSSIBLE! BUT IF WE'D TOLD THE COLONEL THE TRUTH HE'D OF CHOPPED THE IDEA! WELL, SKEETS, OUR JOB IS CUT OUT FOR US!



THROUGHOUT THE MORNING THE G.I. TEAM WENDS ITS WAY UP THE LOWER SLOPE WITHOUT DIFFICULTY! BUT THEN, A DEATH LEDGE---

T-TTHIS IS MURDER, SKEETS! HOW'S IT LOOK AHEAD?

NOTHIN' BUT TROUBLE! MAYBE WE'LL GET A BREAK AROUND... THE...BEND---



...THE LEDGE--- FALSE FOOTING! GET BACK, FRANKIE!

SKEETS! YOUR AXE! IT'S YOUR ONLY CHANCE!



WHEW! TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT! HANG ON, GUY! I'LL ROPE AROUND YOU AND PULL YOU UP!

M-MAKE IT FAST... DON'T KNOW HOW LONG THIS ROCK WILL HOLD ME---

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HURRY... I CAN FEEL
THIS THING GIVING...

BE... RIGHT...
WITH YOU...



AN INSTANT LATER...

G-GOTCHA!

FRANKIE
BOY... I
LOVE YA!



SOON AFTER...
AT THAT NEIGHBORING PEAK...
ABOUT MIDWAY
UP! THERE'S A
REFLECTION OF
SOME KIND!

HEY, SKEETS!
HAVE A LOOK-SEE
AT THAT NEIGHBORING PEAK...

YEAH... I SPOT
IT! GIVE ME THE
BINOCULARS!



FRANKIE! IT'S A RED SOLDIER...
AND HE'S MAKIN' TRACKS FOR
HIS LOOKOUT SHACK! HAND
ME THE
HIGH
POWERED
RIFLE...
ON THE
DOUBLE!

HE'S PROBABLY
SPOTTED US...
AND IS
GONNA MAKE
A REPORT!



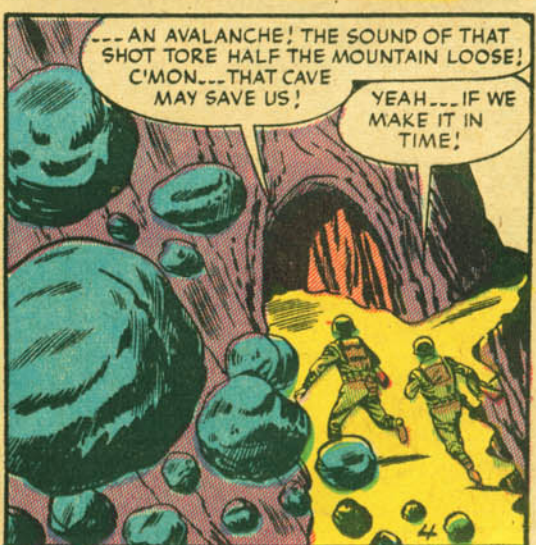
HE'S... ALMOST TO THE SHACK...
ONLY GET ONE CRACK AT HIM...
STEADY...

IT... ONLY TAKES
ONE, SKEETS!



GOT HIM!
HA, HA...
I GOT 'IM,
FRANKIE!

Y-YOU GOT SOMETHIN'
ELSE TOO, FRIEND...



... AN AVALANCHE! THE SOUND OF THAT
SHOT TORE HALF THE MOUNTAIN LOOSE!
C'MON... THAT CAVE
MAY SAVE US!

YEAH... IF WE
MAKE IT IN
TIME!

YANKS IN BATTLE



HOME!

WHEW! HOW ROUGH CAN THINGS GET?



IN LATE AFTERNOON SUCCESS SEEMS WITHIN GRASP AS ---

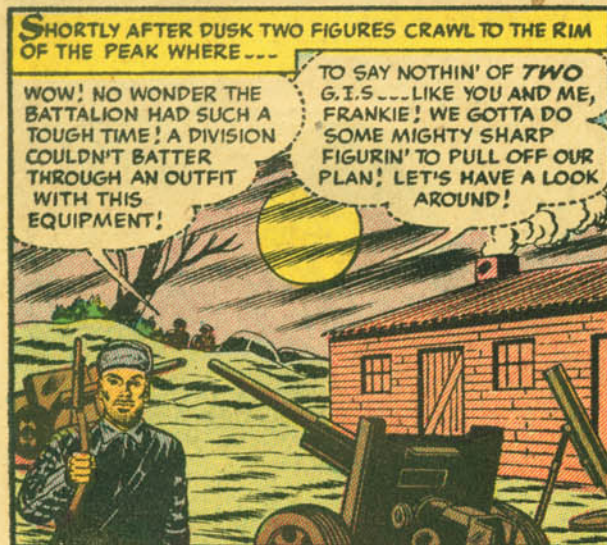
FRANKIE... I THINK WE'VE MADE IT! LOOK UP AHEAD!

SMOKE... FROM THE RED ENCAMPMENT! THEY MUST BE HAVIN' A WIENER ROAST! WHAT'S OUR NEXT MOVE, SKEETS?



WE'LL HOLE UP HERE TILL NIGHTFALL THEN SLIP INTO THEIR CAMP AND CASE THE AREA! WE GOTTA KNOW WHAT WE'RE DOIN' AT 0800 TOMORROW!

YEAH... IF WE'RE STILL ALIVE AT 0800 TOMORROW!



SHORTLY AFTER DUSK TWO FIGURES CRAWL TO THE RIM OF THE PEAK WHERE ---

WOW! NO WONDER THE BATTALION HAD SUCH A TOUGH TIME! A DIVISION COULDN'T BATTER THROUGH AN OUTFIT WITH THIS EQUIPMENT!

TO SAY NOTHIN' OF TWO G.I.S... LIKE YOU AND ME, FRANKIE! WE GOTTA DO SOME MIGHTY SHARP FIGURIN' TO PULL OFF OUR PLAN! LET'S HAVE A LOOK AROUND!



CAUTIOUSLY, THE TWO G.I.S MOVE THROUGH THE CAMP NOTING THE DISPLACEMENT OF WEAPONS AND TROOPS! THEN, IN SECLUSION ON THE MOUNTAIN SLOPE ---

I FIGURE THEY'VE GOT BETWEEN TWO AND THREE HUNDRED MEN ON THE PEAK, FRANKIE! WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO HOLD 'EM FOR AT LEAST AN HOUR... MAYBE MORE!

WHAT'S YOUR ANGLE, SKEETS?



WELL, ALL THEIR EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES ARE CONCENTRATED HERE... TO FOCUS ON THE MOUNTAIN PATH WHERE THE COLONEL AND THE JOES WILL BE COMIN'! BUT THEY'RE GONNA NEED MEN TO FIGHT... AND I GOT AN IDEA HOW WE CAN KNOCK 'EM OFF BEFORE THEY GET OUTA THEIR HOLES...

KEEP TALKIN', SKEETS!

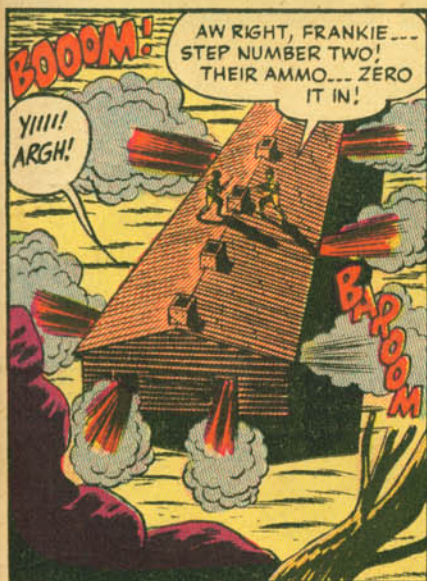


AS THE SUN'S FIRST RAYS FINGER DOWN ON THE ENEMY ENCAMPMENT EVERYTHING IS AS USUAL... WITH ONE EXCEPTION!

SEVEN FIFTY NINE ON THE BUTTON... ONE MINUTE BEFORE THE COLONEL ATTACKS! TIME FOR FRANKIE AND ME TO TEST OUR LUCK!



THIS IS ONE BUGLE CALL THEY'LL NEVER FORGET...



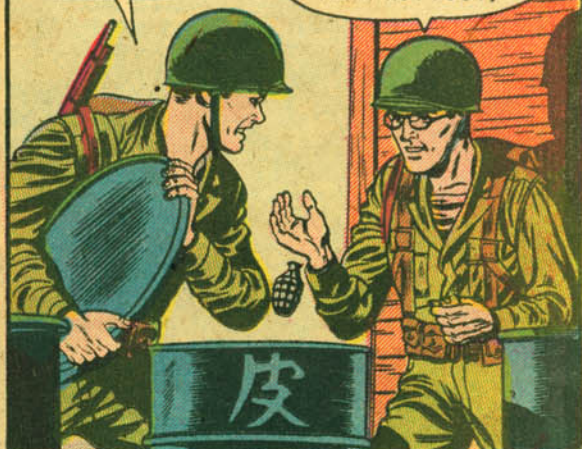
SKIRTING THE BARRACKS CORNER TO CONTINUE CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY, THE VALIANT TEAM SUDDENLY COMES TO AN ABRUPT HALT!

H-HEY! WHAT GIVES, SKEETS? THOSE CHARACTERS AREN'T BOTHERIN' A BIT ABOUT US!



TOSS A LIVE GRENADE IN HERE, FRANKIE! I GOT AN IDEA!

WAY AHEAD OF YOU, SKEETS! WE'RE GONNA GIVE THE REDS AN OLD FASHION ARMY HOT FOOT!



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BRIGHT FUTURE

NOBODY to this day knows how the Germans managed to create the buzz bomb of the blitz era of World War II. How they were able to pinpoint its course . . . its accurate trajectory in one mighty arc wherein the bomb exploded practically before you could see it. They used to say in England, during the blitz, "If you hear it, you're dead." Because, seconds later, following the explosion, you were dead. The thing flew at 600 miles an hour during an air age when 400 miles an hour was a top speed.

But Korea, 1952, was another age completely. Speeds exceeding 600 miles an hour are a dime a dozen. Especially for American planes. This left Red scientific brains with a problem, and Red scientist Vladimir Orloff had a solution.

Orloff had been working with Chi Kuo, eminent Chinese Red physicist for many years trying to penetrate the secret of the Nazi buzz bomb. One summer in 1952, he found the answer. In fact, *more* than an answer. They stumbled upon an **IMPROVEMENT!** They *had* to. American guided missile technique had reached such perfection that buzz bombs didn't have to be seen by the human eye, but by electronic and radar eyes, in order to be located and stopped. Orloff and Kuo therefore came up with a splendid solution to the problem. Their theory was this: in order to avoid destruction by guided missiles they had to insert some means of control within the buzz bomb, so that when the buzz bomb "saw" or registered the presence of some attaching object, it could respond and maneuver away from the enemy. Moreover, this same control element could also guide the buzz bomb downward to score a direct hit on the desired target.

Now what is the most expendable thing in the Red dictatorships? Steel? Radio parts? Timber? No. None of these. Nothing is cheaper in a tyranny than human life. So Orloff and Kuo hit upon a solution no democratic scientist could stumble across—Why not put a *man*—a *pilot*—just behind the warhead—to direct the flight of the bomb directly to its target? Considering the horrifying damage each buzz bomb explosion would make, one human life per explosion would not be too high a price to pay. It was a profitable exchange in mortality, and no bomb would be wasted.

So Orloff and Kuo contacted the Red Chinese air force and asked for a volunteer to fly the first bomb. Of course, the whole matter was hush-hush. None of the seven stalwart volunteers who drew lots for the honor of the assignment knew what the prize was going to be.

The drawing was held and a handsome young MIG pilot named Wu Tsin was the lucky one. Wu

was taken into the airfield experimental laboratory and told of the glory of his selection! He, Wu Tsin, would be the first pilot of a Red buzz bomb that would be aimed at Pusan, U.N. supply center in Southern Korea!

The enthusiastic Orloff and Kuo rattled on about how the bomb worked. How it was fired. How it was maneuvered. How it could avoid guided missile attack. How to steer the bomb straight to its appointed target.

Wu Tsin nodded his head and listened impassively as all these brilliant things were explained to him. From his cool and agreeable demeanor, Orloff and Kuo felt that nothing but superlative performance could come from this excellent flight officer.

So they dined on old wine and rare game and toasted the first pilot who would guide an Orloff-Kuo buzz bomb to its military destiny. They praised Wu Tsin to the skies and that night it was to the skies that they sent him, via a rocket take-off from an improvised grandstand on the airfield.

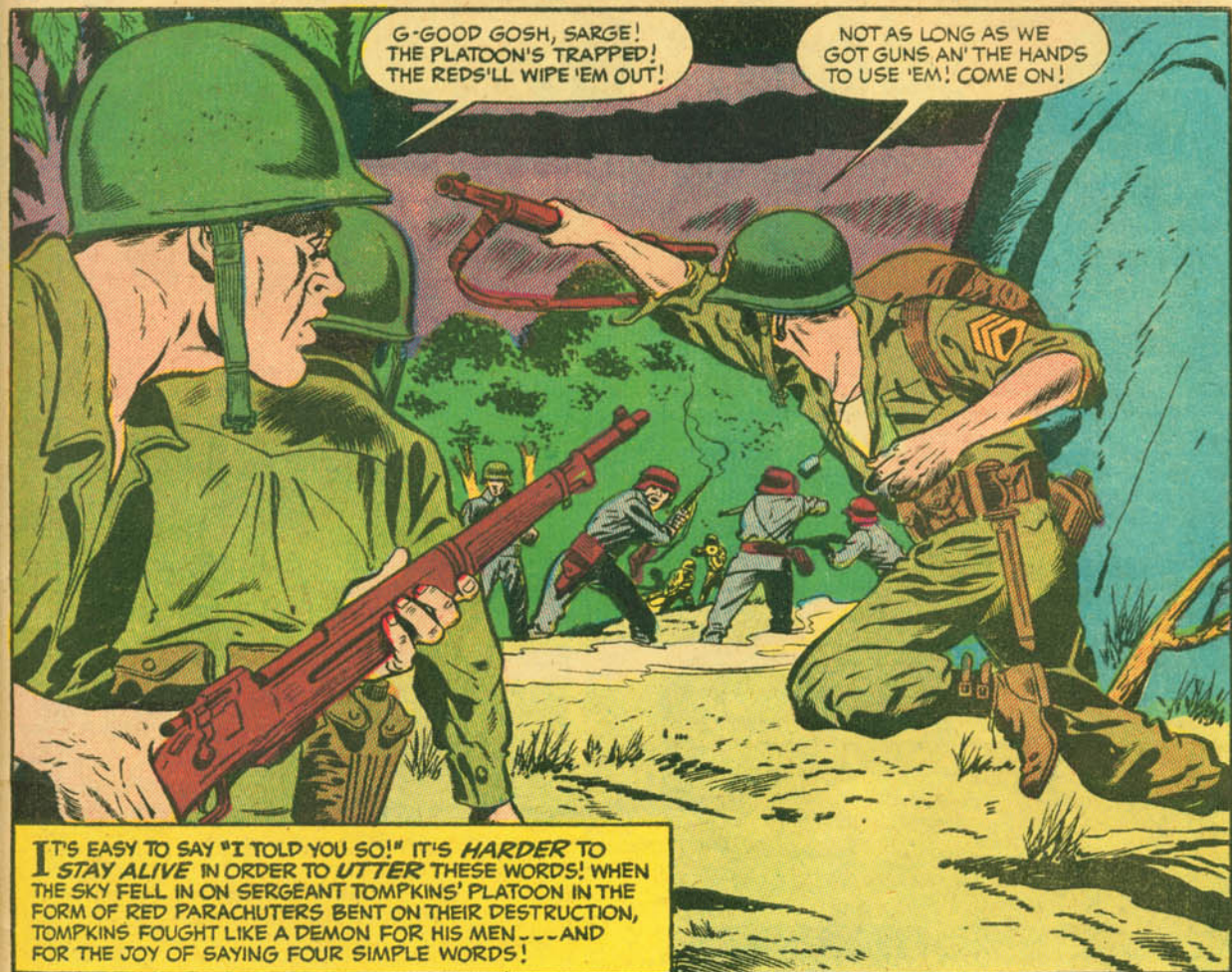
Into the sky zoomed the buzz bomb with Wu at its controls and away it plunged through the heavens . . . toward Pusan . . . as the opening shot of the buzz bomb campaign to drive the U. N. forces off the Korean peninsula. The bomb was at first controlled by the firers. They aimed it and let it go. Then the control passed to the pilot, who, naturally, was in the best position to decide what to do with the bomb when it was aloft. Another thing about the controls—to illustrate the responsibility the high command vested in its buzz bomb pilots—once the control passed to the pilot, it could not be relinquished without his consent. But Wu Tsin was in a very bitter mood as he flew. He reflected on the disregard for human life implicit in this piloting system. He thought of the many hundreds of pilots who would follow in his footsteps unless he did something to dissuade the Red High Command from this plan. Then he made his mind up. He swung the buzz bomb around in a wide arc and returned to the firing point. He headed in the direction of laboratory and the grandstand.

There was a radio communications system between the bomb and the grandstand, so Wu quietly announced his reason for returning. "People who care so little for human life ought not to win."

Before the Red High Command gathered at the airfield could do anything, the bomb fell! They couldn't see it come. They *heard* it come. They felt it come. It was *very* much on target!

American G-2 now hears that the Red buzz bomb project has been given up. Seems there is a sudden shortage of scientists. . . .

Red Invasion Strike



G-GOOD GOSH, SARGE!
THE PLATOON'S TRAPPED!
THE REDS'LL WIPE 'EM OUT!

NOT AS LONG AS WE
GOT GUNS AN' THE HANDS
TO USE 'EM! COME ON!

IT'S EASY TO SAY "I TOLD YOU SO!" IT'S **HARDER** TO **STAY ALIVE** IN ORDER TO **UTTER** THESE WORDS! WHEN THE SKY FELL IN ON SERGEANT TOMPKINS' PLATOON IN THE FORM OF RED PARACHUTERS BENT ON THEIR DESTRUCTION, TOMPKINS FOUGHT LIKE A DEMON FOR HIS MEN---AND FOR THE JOY OF SAYING FOUR SIMPLE WORDS!

AS USUAL, SERGEANT MARTY TOMPKINS WAS TALKING HIMSELF BLUE IN THE FACE....

I'LL DRILL YOU TILL I'LL MAKE GOOD G.I.S OUT OF YOU! IF YOU YELL, I WON'T LISTEN! GRIPE AN' CURSE THE DAY I WAS BORN! IT WON'T MATTER!



WHAT **MATTERS** IS THAT I'LL TURN A PACK OF RAW RECRUITS INTO A FIGHTING UNIT! HATE ME ALL YOU LIKE! IN THE END, YOU'LL BE SOLDIERS, READY FOR ANY EMERGENCY!

WHAT EMERGENCY, SARGE? THE EAST AN' THE WEST AIN'T AT WAR!



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WELL, YOU MAKE BELIEVE THEY ARE, SEE? BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW FROM *NOTHIN'* ABOUT *ANYTHIN'*! YOU'RE JUST PUP-PETS! I'LL PULL THE STRINGS AN' YOU'LL DANCE! ALL OF YOU! GOT THAT?

Y-YES, SIR!



IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED, PLATOON G SQUAWKED AND SUFFERED!

TOMPKINS IS CRAZY! HE'S DRILLIN' US TO DEATH!

WHAT DOES HE CARE? WE'RE JUST DIRT HE CAN ORDER AROUND!



WITH NO EXCEPTION, PLATOON G REGARD-ED TOMPKINS AS A FANATICAL TASK-MASTER!

HE'S A NUT! HE TAKES US ON-A 40-MILE MARCH WITH HEAVY PACKS AN' HE AIN'T SATISFIED WE'RE WALKIN' WITH CRIPPLED FEET! HE WANTS US TO RUN THE LAST TWO MILES!

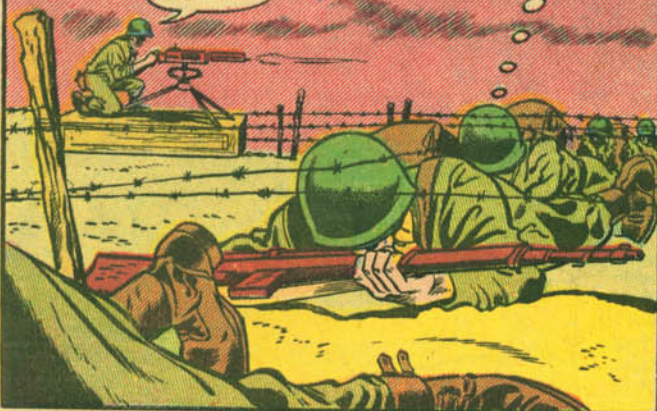
WHAT'S THE MATTER, YOU SISSIES? GET GOING NOW... MOVE! I SAID RUN, NOT CRAWL!



AS TIME WENT ON, THINGS GOT WORSE...

KEEP YOUR STUPID HEADS DOWN! THIS AMMO IS LIVE! *CRAWL*, YOU SAPS! CRAWL! DIG YOUR NOSES INTO THE DIRT!

HE'S A *SADIST*! HE *ENJOYS* MAKING PEOPLE MISERABLE!



SOON EVERYBODY IN PLATOON G THOUGHT OF TOMPKINS AS EVIL INCARNATE!

HE'S A NUT! A DANGEROUS NUT! HE'S PLAYIN' NAPOLEON AT *OUR* EXPENSE! HE'S FIGHTIN' A WAR THAT DON'T EVEN *EXIST*!

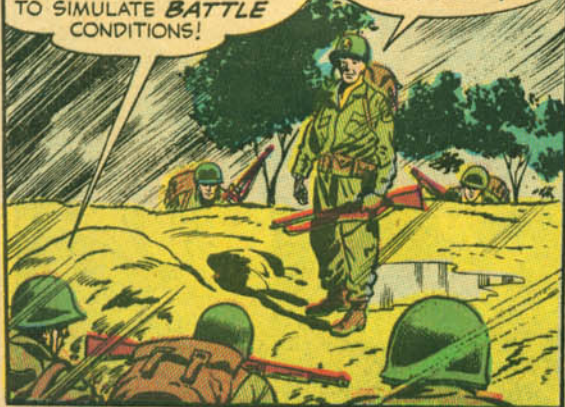
WE'RE FOOLS FOR TAKING IT LYING DOWN! IT'S UP TO US TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!



IT BECAME THE PET HOBBY OF PLATOON G TO RESENT TOMPKINS!

WE'LL GET *PNEUMONIA* LYIN' HERE IN THE MUD! AN' WHAT FOR? BECAUSE TOMPKINS WANTS TO SIMULATE *BATTLE* CONDITIONS!

C'MON, YOU DUBS! MAKE BELIEVE THERE IS AN ARMY OF REDS OUT THERE!



MAKE BELIEVE! THAT'S ALL WE'VE BEEN DOIN'! MAKIN' BELIEVE WE'RE IN A REAL WAR! MAKIN' BELIEVE WE'RE FIGHTIN' REDS WHO AIN'T THERE!

YOU'RE RIGHT! WE'RE DEALING WITH A *NUT*!



FINALLY EVERYONE'S NERVES REACHED THE BREAKING POINT!

GUESS

WHAT THE S*P IS UP TO NOW? HE'S LAYIN' MINES AN' DIGGIN' TRAPS IN CASE OF A RED INVASION!

HE'S GONE OUT OF HIS MIND! WE'LL BE CRACKED, TOO, IF WE HANG AROUND MUCH LONGER!



THAT NIGHT, IN THE BARRACKS...

YOU ALL KNOW WHAT THIS IS! A MASS PROTEST AGAINST TOMPKINS' SPARTAN METHODS! WE'RE ASKIN' OUT! WE WANT A TRANSFER BEFORE WE ALL LAND IN THE BOOBY-HATCH!

THAT'S GREAT! LET ME SIGN IT!



LET ME!

NO! ME!

PASS IT!

PASS WHAT?

NOTHIN', SARGE! JUST A LETTER! A FUNNY LETTER!

BURN IT! YOU S*PS THINK SOLDIERIN' IS A JOKE! WELL, IT AIN'T! TURN OUT! WE'RE GOIN' ON PATROL!



A HALF HOUR LATER...

WE'VE GOT **ONE** CONSO-LATION! THIS'S THE LAST NIGHT WE'LL EVER SPEND WITH TOMPKINS! TOMORROW WE'LL HAND OUR TRANSFER REQUEST TO THE C.O.! TOMPKINS WILL BE RUINED!

GOOD! IT COULDN'T HAPPEN TO A BETTER MAN!



YOU MEAN A WORSE! THE MAN'S A MENACE! YOU'D THINK WE WERE **FIGHTIN'** THE REDS THE WAY HE DRILLS US!

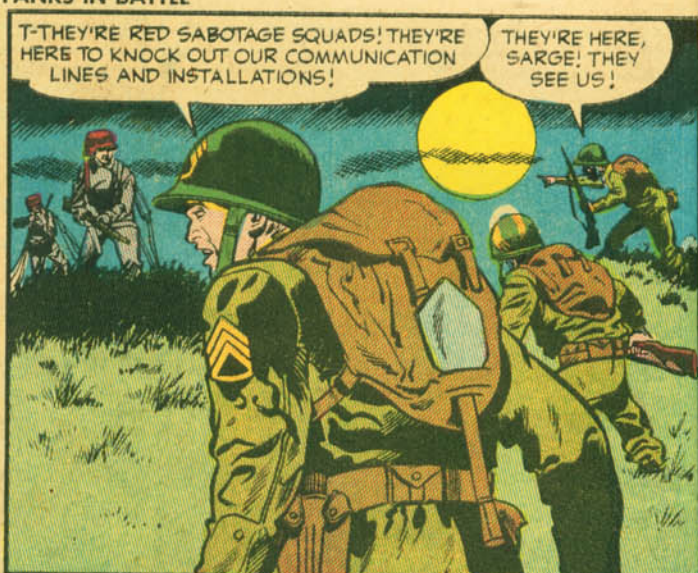
H-HEY! WHAT'S THAT?

S-SOMEBODY'S KNOCKIN' OUT OUR INSTALLATIONS!

SARGE! LOOK!



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OKAY! FIRE! REMEMBER THAT WHO-EVER ESCAPES WILL BE ON YOUR BUDDIES' NECKS AN' YOURS!



SUDDENLY ALL OF TOMPKINS' MERCILESS DRILLING AND PREPARATION CAME INTO SHARP FOCUS!

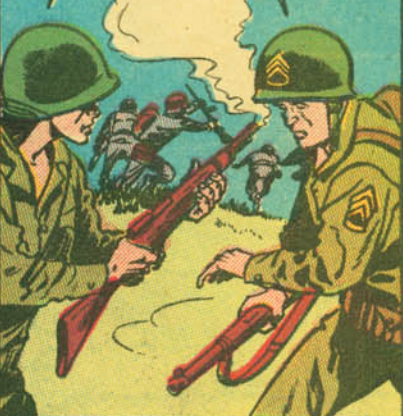
I-IT'S MAKIN' SENSE NOW, SARGE! EVERYTHIN' YOU TOLD US!

CAN IT! KEEP YOUR MIND ON YOUR WORK! WE DON'T WANT THAT BUNCH IN THE WOODS REINFORCED!



W-WE CAN'T STOP 'EM ALL, SARGE!

WE CAN! REMEMBER THOSE TRAPS AN' MINES I HAD YOU DIG? COME ON!



MINUTES LATER, IN THE WOODS...

WE'RE CUT OFF, SARGE! THEY'RE COMIN' AT US!

LET 'EM COME! I SET THE SWITCHES ON THE MINES!



H-HOLY CATS!

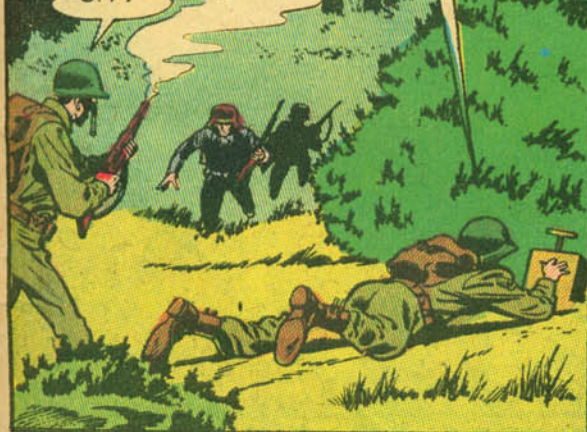
DON'T GAPE LIKE A FOOL! STEP ON IT! THE REST OF THE GANG MIGHT BE CATCHIN' IT THIS MINUTE!



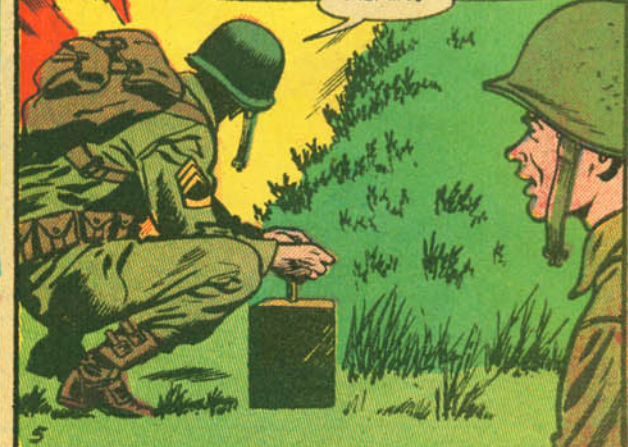
BUT MOMENTS LATER...

S-SARGE! MORE REDS! W-WE CAN'T HOLD 'EM OFF!

HERE'S SOMETHIN' THAT WILL! GET DOWN!



I HOPE YOU'RE ASKIN' YOURSELF RIGHT NOW WHERE WE'D HAVE BEEN WITHOUT THEM TRAPS AN' MINES! ON YOUR FEET AGAIN!



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MINUTES LATER, ON A RIDGE OVERLOOKING A CLEARING!

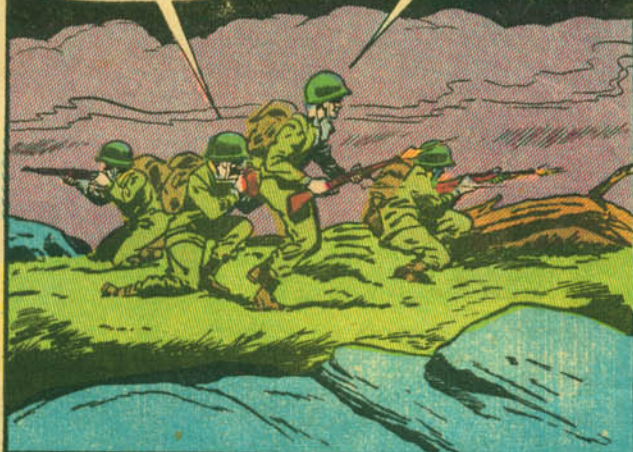
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NOT AS LONG AS WE'VE
GOT GUNS AN' THE
HANDS TO USE 'EM!
COME ON!



AN' WE MADE **FUN** OF
TOMPKINS! WHAT IDIOTS
WE WERE! WHY DIDN'T
WE LISTEN TO HIM?

WE WON'T GET A **SECOND**
CHANCE! THEY'RE CLOSING
IN FOR THE KILL!



W-WAIT!

T-THEIR WHOLE
RIGHT FLANK IS
COLLAPSIN'!



WE DID IT! WE OPENED A HOLE IN
THE STEEL VISE! OUR BOYS CAN
COME THROUGH!



DON'T STAND THERE, SAPS!
GET 'EM! THEY **STILL** DON'T
KNOW WHAT HIT 'EM!

BUT
WE
DO!



HEY, SAPS! YOU SAW TOMPKINS
DID! DO LIKE THE **SARGE**
DID!

TAKE IT EASY, SARGE!
WE'RE TAKIN' OVER
FROM HERE ON!



SHORTLY AFTER, HAVING CRUSHED THE RED SABOTAGE
STRIKE AND ROUNDED UP THE PRISONERS...

YOU GUYS! WHAT'RE
YOU STANDIN' THERE
FOR? WHAT'RE YOU
TEARIN' UP?

THE **PAST**, SARGE! A
STUPID LETTER! IN
THE FUTURE, YOU GOT
A **SQUAD**! RIGHT,
BOYS?

RIGHT!



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